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Legislative Committee of the Whole

Status of Legislation of Interest to the Commission

Executive Summary: Staff will present the status of legislative measures that have a position adopted by the Commission.

Possible Action: Staff will provide an update on these bills. The Commission may adopt a change in position on individual measures as appropriate.

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Strategic Plan Goal: 4

Continue effective and appropriate involvement of the Commission with policymakers on key education issues.

- ♦ Influence legislation regarding the preparation and certification of professional educators

LEGISLATIVE GUIDELINES OF THE CALIFORNIA COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING

Adopted February 3, 1995

1. The Commission supports legislation that proposes to maintain or establish high standards for the preparation of public school teachers and other educators in California and opposes legislation that would lower standards for teachers and other educators.
2. The Commission supports legislation that proposes to maintain or establish high standards of fitness and conduct for public school educators in California and opposes legislation that would lower standards of fitness or conduct for public school educators.
3. The Commission supports legislation that reaffirms that teachers and other educators have appropriate qualifications and experience for their positions, as evidenced by holding appropriate credentials, and opposes legislation that would allow unprepared persons to serve in the public schools.
4. The Commission supports the maintenance of a thoughtful, cohesive approach to the preparation of credential candidates and opposes legislation that would tend to fragment or undermine the cohesiveness of the preparation of credential candidates.
5. The Commission supports legislation that strengthens or reaffirms initiatives and reforms that it previously has adopted and opposes legislation that would undermine initiatives or reforms that it previously has adopted.
6. The Commission supports alternatives to existing credential requirements that maintain high standards for the preparation of educators and opposes alternatives that do not provide sufficient assurances of quality.
7. The Commission opposes legislation that would give it significant additional duties and responsibilities if the legislation does not include an appropriate source of funding to support those additional duties and responsibilities.
8. The Commission supports legislation that affirms its role as an autonomous teacher standards board and opposes legislation that would erode the independence or authority of the Commission.

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Bill No-Author-Version Summary	Previous and Current CCTC Position Version (Date Adopted)	Current Location/Current Status/Calendar
Sponsor		
<u>SB 1533</u> (Scott) Introduced-02/23/2006 Would make technical amendments and clarifications to the California School Paraprofessional Teacher Training Program.	Sponsored	03/09/2006-S ED. 03/09/2006-To Com. on ED.
Support		
<u>AB 49</u> (Benoit) Amended-01/13/2006 Would make changes to broaden the list of credentials allowable for the CBEST exemption for prelingually deaf candidates.	Support January/February Meeting	02/02/2006-S ED. 02/02/2006-Referred to Com. on ED.
<u>AB 476</u> (Baca) Amended-01/13/2006 Would clarify the eligibility criteria for participation in the APLE program to include single subject teaching credentials in mathematics and science and special education credentials.	Support January/February Meeting	02/02/2006-S ED. 02/02/2006-Referred to Com. on ED.